(c) and (d) NREGA provides for a legal guarantee of 100 days of employment to a household in a financial year on demand for doing unskilled manual work. Number of households provided employment, number of households completed 100 days of employment and the average employment provided per household during the two years of NREGA is as under:

Year	No. of households provided employment	No. of households which Completed 100 days of employment	Average number of days of employment provided per household	Persondays generated
2006-07 (200 districts)	2.10 crore (Upto March, 07).	7.59 lakhs (upto Jan., 07) 21.43 lakhs (upto March, 07)	39 days (upto Jan., 07) 43 days (upto March, 07)	6188.2 lakhs (upto Jan., 07) 9050.6 lakhs (upto March, 07)
2007-08 (upto Jan., 08)	2.80 crore	13.81 lakhs (upto Jan., 08)	Phase-I.....41 days Phase-II.....23 days Average of Phase I & II.....36 days	Phase-I 8089.0 lakhs (an increase of 30.72% over 06-07). Phase-II 1941.4 lakhs Total of Phase I & II 10030.4 lakhs

The 100 days of employment envisaged under the Act takes into account the fact that workers will also avail other employment opportunities such as working on their own fields and the fields of other farmers as well as under other Government programmes.

(e) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for increasing the number of working days from 100 to 150.

Implementation of Conditional Access System

*23. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to put on hold the planned extension of the Conditional Access System (CAS) to the remaining areas of three of the four metros;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the CAS has failed in its desired objectives in the areas where it has been put into operation and if so, in what aspects and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARAJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Conditional Access System (CAS) was rolled out in notified areas of 3 metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata w.e.f. 31.12.2006 and in Chennai since 2003 with the objective to provide the consumer a choice to select and pay only for those pay channels which he desires to watch. As on 31st December 2007, the scheme has succeeded in enrolling a total number of 5,09,469 subscribers who have reportedly opted for Set Top Box (STB) in CAS notified areas of three metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata.

Pashto Service on AIR

*24. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that The All India Radio (AIR) had Pashto service, which has popular in Pashto speaking areas;

(b) if so, why was it discontinued and since when;

(c) is there any proposal to restart it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR has a Pashto Service, which was introduced in the year 1939. The Service has not been discontinued.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Digitization of EPF Records

*25. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees contributing to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Account as on 31st March of 2001, year-wise till 2007 and the volume of Provident Fund held in the corresponding periods;

(b) whether Government had taken up programme for digitization of the records of Employees Provident Fund;

(c) if so, the details of the programme indicating its origin, cost estimation and potential benefits which complete digitization would have accrued;

(d) the details of the progress made, so far in implementing the same, indicating reasons for the delay, if any; and

(e) the time-frame presently fixed, if any, for, complete digitization of the PF records?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The details are given in the Statement (*see* below)